



## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Public Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

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**Commissioners Present:** Annie Jones, Sharon Dobson, Rosario Campos, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Nina Carr, Christine Ferguson, Evelyn Stephenson, Constance Baptist, Amanda Fleet and Karen Czapanskiy

**Commissioners Absent,** Chloe Scott, Whitney Duck, Adrijana Parsell, Shellome Walters and Michelle Nusum-Smith

**Guests:** Diana Carrillo, Paula del Valle Torres (CFW intern), Lakshmi Darbha, Janice Brown, Jessica Kent, Margaret Teahan and Valerie Dougherty

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. A quorum was present at this time.

#### I. Executive Committee Report

- Guests in attendance acknowledge, introduction of guests and commissioners.
- The March 2016 Minutes were approved with one addition; Janice Brown was present at meeting, her name will be added to minutes.
- Guest Speakers: Margaret Teahan (Judicial Candidate) and Jessica Kent (The Birthing Circle). Both speakers gave an introduction to their programs..

#### II. Old Business

##### • Leadership Alliance Dinner LAD

- i. 2016 Overview and Recap There were 115 attendees at the Leadership Alliance Dinner that was held on March 24, 2016. This event had a positive cash flow so there was no financial loss to the CFW. The LAD Committee will be holding a wrap up meeting, date to be determined.
- ii. Planning for 2017. A motion was made and seconded to hold the 2017 Leadership Alliance Dinner on March 23, 2017 at the Ceresville Mansion and to authorize the \$250 deposit. Motion passed.

##### • Woman's History Program

- i. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, The FCCFW was recognized by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. The CFW was one of four organizations recognized.

##### • Waverley Elementary School Presentation

- i. The FCCFW was asked to speak with parents whose children attend Waverley Elementary to present information about the Commission, programs for women in Frederick County, and the community groups with whom we frequently work. The CFW was represented by the President and there were about 60 parents in attendance.

##### • The FCCFW and Women's Center at FCC executed an MOU covering the next five years

- i. An update Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Women's Center at Frederick Community College and the Frederick County Commission for Women. The MOU is in effect for the next five years.

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The Frederick County Commission for Women agrees to:

1. Provide input to Frederick Community College on policy and governance of the Women's Center.
2. Appoint a liaison representative to the Women's Center to coordinate information about services, events, and initiatives.
3. Provide expertise to the Women's Center related to programs, activities, and services.
4. Monitor information regarding user needs provided by the Women's Center on a periodic basis in order to assess the ongoing and/or emerging needs of Frederick County women.
5. Serve as a liaison to local, state, and federal government on legislative matters that affect women.
6. Serve as a resource for information on issues and events pertaining to Frederick County women.
7. Market Women's Center services.

#### • SheLEADS

- i. Summer employment workshop with Kim Whiteley will be held on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
- ii. A discussion will be held late May/early June with regard to holding the program during the next school year. There has been a request to expand this program to other high schools in Frederick County.

#### • Update on Human Trafficking Committee activities

- i. Working on preparing for Frederick County Forum on Human Trafficking. This forum will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. The idea is to bring various groups together (law enforcements, first responders, medical, educational) to recommend that Frederick County government appoint a task force.

#### • Legislative Committee update

- i. On April 1st, we sent a letter of support for SB0593, Child Conceived Without Consent-Termination of Parental Rights Act to Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Chair and members, with a copy sent to the members of the Frederick County Delegation. This piece of legislation did not pass the Maryland Assembly.

### III New Business

#### • Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

- i. Human Trafficking Survivor lecture and book reading, Wednesday, April 20 from 11:00-12:30 at FCC. This event was postponed.

#### • Heartly House Dinner

- i. FCCFW to provide a dinner for the Heartly House Strengthening Family Coping Resources support group on Thursday, April 21. No CFW funds will be used, any funding will come directly from Commissioners and volunteers.

#### • Commissioner announcements

- i. SheLEADS student wants to be a human right attorney. Looking for opportunities.
- ii. Woman-to-woman Mentoring Program is looking for mentors.
- iii. Heartly House is holding a fundraiser on May 5, 2015 at All Saint's Church.

### III Adjourn at 8:16

*Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. 3rd Floor of Winchester Hall*

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